

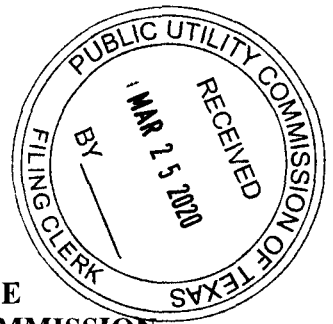


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PROJECT NO. 50664

ISSUES RELATED TO THE STATE OF § BEFORE THE
DISASTER FOR CORONAVIRUS 2019 § PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF TEXAS

**ALLIANCE FOR RETAIL MARKETS’
RESPONSE TO CHAIRMAN WALKER’S MEMORANDUM**

The Alliance for Retail Markets¹ (“ARM”) appreciates the efforts of the Commissioners and the Public Utility Commission of Texas (“Commission”) Staff in developing a means by which Texans, retail electric providers (“REPs”), and transmission and distribution utilities (“TDUs”) can all be protected from the potentially material adverse economic impacts of the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”).

The construct outlined in Chairman Walker’s Memorandum filed on March 24, 2020 in Project No. 50664 provides a thoughtful and workable framework for achieving that goal. This construct takes measured steps to ensure that residential customers experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic receive the help they need and that the competitive electricity market in Texas continues to work. While there are remaining details and clarifications that REPs will need to work through with Commission Staff, we believe that once adopted, this plan will provide certainty to the market and to customers.

We reiterate our gratitude to you and the Commission Staff for all the efforts expended over the course of the early stages of this pandemic to develop a workable plan to serve Texans’ best interests as we all weather this unprecedented time together. We look forward to your discussion and action in the Open Meeting tomorrow, March 26.

¹ ARM is a trade association in which the following REPs are individual member companies: Calpine Energy Solutions and Champion Energy Services; Constellation NewEnergy, Inc.; Direct Energy, LP, CPL Retail Energy, LP, Direct Energy Business, LLC, First Choice Power, LLC, and WTU Retail Energy, LP; ENGIE Resources LLC; Gexa Energy, LP; the NRG Retail Companies, including Reliant, Cirro Energy, Discount Power, Green Mountain Energy, Stream, and XOOM Energy; and the Vistra Energy Retail Companies, including 4Change Energy, Ambit Energy, Express Energy, Trieagle Energy, and TXU Energy.

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